Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 20 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 21 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 19 Jan 2022 at 10:29 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the return to milder westerly winds from Friday onwards. Lower for the extent of rainfall over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 20 Jan 2022: Breezy with isolated snow showers and bright or sunny spells.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 20 Jan 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Light snow showers (night)	Dull	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Dull	Light snow
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	20%	10%	<05%	10%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 20 Jan 2022

Weather: Snow showers will gradually fade through the early hours, but these leaving no more than a dusting of snow in places. Then a cloudy, perhaps dull start to the day but some bright or sunny spells will develop by afternoon. Cloud will thicken and gradually lower through evening, bringing patchy snowfall to munro level and above late evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80%.

Visibility: Cloud will be extensive above around 1000m and may lower briefly down to 500m around passing showers. Away from these, visibility will be very good through daylight hours. Cloud starts to descend more widely down to 400-600m through late evening.

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Forecast for Thursday 20 Jan 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	26/33 N	23/29 NW	22/28 NW	19/24 W	19/25 W	18/23 W	18/24 W	19/26 W	19/27 W
900	25/32 N	21/27 NW	21/27 NW	18/24 W	19/25 W	17/22 W	17/23 W	19/25 W	19/27 W
600	15/23 N	13/20 NW	12/19 NW	10/16 W	12/18 W	10/16 W	10/17 W	12/19 W	13/21 W
300	5/22 NW	3/20 NW	3/20 NW	3/17 W	6/19 W	4/18 W	4/18 W	5/20 W	7/20 W
Glen	8/20 N	4/14 NW	5/14 NW	5/13 NW	6/14 NW	5/13 NW	5/12 W	5/13 W	7/14 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-6/-14	-5/-13	-4/-11	-3/-10	-3/-10	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-1/-8
900	-5/-13	-4/-12	-3/-10	-3/-9	-2/-9	-2/-8	-1/-7	-1/-7	-1/-7
600	-2/-8	-1/-7	-0/-6	-0/-4	0/-4	1/-3	1/-3	2/-3	2/-3
300	0/-2	0/-2	1/-0	2/0	3/1	4/2	3/2	4/1	4/1
Glen	3/0	4/2	4/2	4/3	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4	6/4
Freezing Level*	100m	200m	300m	400m	500m	600m	700m	800m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling very cold above the treeline, bitterly so on summits in the fresh winds.

Forecast for Friday 21 Jan 2022
Weather: Westerly winds will bring milder air and extensive cloud, this leading to patchy rain or drizzle and summit snow across all areas, but the West Coast ranges will take the worst of this. Largely dry with some brighter spells for more sheltered parts, such as Easter Ross. Poor visibility will be the main hazard.

Maximum wind: West 25-30mph gusting up to 40mph on most exposed ground.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%.

Visibility: Generally quite limited and dull with extensive cloud shrouding most ground above 400-500m. Highest ground may break through the top of the cloud, but low confidence for this at this stage.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 7 or 8 Celsius throughout.
At 800m: Around freezing.
Freezing level: 1000-1200m.

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